

## BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 716  
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### DIGEST AND PURPOSE

In recent years, sports officials, including referees and coaches, have increasingly become targets of violent acts. C.S.H.B. 716 raises the level of a crime against certain sports participants from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor.

### RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 22.01(c) and (e), Penal Code, as follows:

(c) Provides that an offense under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is a Class C misdemeanor, except that the offense is:

(1) a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is, rather than was, committed under Subsection (a)(3) against an elderly individual or disabled individual, as those terms are defined by Section 22.04; or

(2) a Class B misdemeanor if the offense is committed by a person who is not a sports participant against a person the actor knows is a sports participant either:

(A) while the participant is performing duties or responsibilities in the participant's capacity as a sports participant; or

(B) in retaliation for or on account of the participant's performance of a duty or responsibility within the participant's capacity as a sports participant.

(e) Defines "sports participant."

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.